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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 September 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 25-27 and 31-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 25-27 and 31-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 05 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. The amendment(s), filed on 09/22/2010, have been entered and made of record. Claims 25-27 and 31-33 are pending.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 25-27 and 31-33 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

4. **Claims 25-27 and 31** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Padamanabhan (US Pat. #6766245).

For **claim 25**, Padamanabhan teaches a computer-readable recording medium encoded with a computer program that performs a method (see fig. 4), the method comprising:

obtaining data from a camera removably connected to a computer platform the obtained data indicating geographic coordinates associated with each of a plurality of pictures taken by the camera (col. 9, lines 5-32; col. 15, lines 1-17);

requesting from a remotely located map service server a municipality name (address or name; also see Table 1 -- Other Features) corresponding to the geographic coordinates associated with each of the plurality of pictures (col. 6, line 62 – col. 9, line 32);

the remotely located map service server including data that indicates whether a landmark is observable *by a person* from specific geographic coordinates (col. 6, line 62 – col. 9, line 32); and

if the geographic coordinates associated with at least one of the plurality of pictures are determined to be coordinates from which the landmark is observable via a person's view based on the data included in the remotely located map service server, receiving data indicating a name of the landmark (col. 6, line 62 – col. 9, line 32; see Table 1). Also see figs. 1-3 and read col. 13, line 50 – col. 20, line 63.

For **claim 26**, Padamanabhan teaches the method of Claim 25 wherein the camera is removably connected to the computer platform with a USB cable (col. 9, lines 5-32; col. 15, lines 1-17).

For **claim 27**, Padamanabhan teaches the method of Claim 25 wherein the camera is removably connected to the computer platform with a wireless connection (col. 9, lines 5-32; col. 15, lines 1-17).

Claim 31 is a computer-readable recording medium encoded with a computer program that performs a method claim corresponding to claim 25. However, claim 31 recites, “...requesting from a remotely located map service server a municipality name corresponding to the geographic coordinates *associated with the picture...*” Claim 31 is analyzed and rejected as previously discussed with respect to claim 25.

5. **Claims 32, and 33** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Padamanabhan (US Pat. #6766245) in view of Pelletier (US Pat. #6,690,883).

For **claim 32**, Padamanabhan teaches the method of Claim 31. However Padamanabhan does not expressly teach the method further comprising: adding the name of the landmark to the picture.

In a similar field of endeavor, Pelletier teaches a method further comprising: adding the name of the landmark to the picture (col. 7, lines 48-54; col. 8, lines 42-62; col. 9, lines 7-11). . In light of the teaching of Pelletier, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the method of Padamanabhan with the adding the name of the landmark as recited in claim 32 in order allow the user to optimize the self annotating techniques as taught in Pelletier (col. 3, line 18 - col. 4, line 56).

For **claim 33**, Padamanabhan teaches the method of Claim 31. However Abram does not expressly teach the method further comprising: adding the name of the landmark and the municipality name to the picture.

In a similar field of endeavor, Pelletier teaches a method further comprising: adding the name of the landmark and the municipality name to the picture (col. 3, line 18 - col. 4, line 56; col. 7, lines 48-54; col. 8, lines 42-62; col. 9, lines 7-11). In light of the teaching of Pelletier, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the method of Padamanabhan with the adding the name of the landmark and the municipality name as recited in claim 33 in order allow the user to optimize the self annotating techniques as taught in Pelletier (col. 1, lines 39-63; col. 3, line 18 - col. 4, line 56).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Carramah J. Quiett whose telephone number is (571)272-7316. The examiner can normally be reached on 10:00 am - 6:00 pm, Monday thru Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David L. Ometz can be reached on (571)272-7593. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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